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**Kansas Convention Names  
Editor, Brotherhood Leader.**

**WICHITA, Kan. (BP)--**Lynn P. Clayton, 33, has been named editor of the Baptist Digest, news publication of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, and director of the convention's Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador boys.

Clayton, currently pastor of University Baptist Church, Wichita, will also serve as an associate in the Kansas convention's evangelism, missions and Baptist student efforts.

The native Texan succeeds Kansas Executive Secretary Pat McDaniel, who is relinquishing duties as editor and Brotherhood director to devote fulltime to administration of the convention, which covers Baptist work in Kansas and Nebraska.

Before coming to Kansas in 1969, Clayton served as associate pastor of Hampton Road Baptist Church, DeSoto, Tex., and minister to youth at Central Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., where he also wrote a weekly column for the Waco News Tribune-Times.

During his four years as pastor in Wichita, the church there more than doubled its baptisms, increased total missions giving more than 500 per cent, tripled average Sunday School attendance and rose from a non-listed position to 10th among Kansas and Nebraska Southern Baptist churches in per capita giving to the Cooperative Program.

Clayton has served on the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees and is a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

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**First Month Cooperative  
Program Figures Below 1972**

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**NASHVILLE (BP)--**The Southern Baptist Convention's unified Cooperative Program receipts for October, the first month of the 1973-74 fiscal year, totaled \$2,708,088, some \$6,968, or .26 per cent, lower than the same month last year.

Designated gifts from Southern Baptist churches were \$241,719 for October, according to John H. Williams, finance planning director and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. That represents \$100,674, or 29.4 per cent, less than designated gifts of \$342,393 at this point last year.

Williams said combined world missions contributions, including both designations and undesignated Cooperative Program gifts, are running 3.52 per cent, or \$107,641, lower than 1972 receipts for October.

The overall figures totaled \$3,057,448 through October, 1972, but \$2,949,807 through October of this year.

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## New York Baptists Oppos Political Corruption

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. (BP)--"Messengers" to the fourth annual session of the Baptist Convention of New York adopted a \$661,709 budget for 1974 and passed resolutions affirming the efforts of those who seek to root out corruption in political life.

Fred H. Boehmer, pastor of Greenwich Baptist Church, Greenwich, Conn., was elected president of the convention which encompasses Southern Baptist work in New York state and parts of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Resolutions also called for more vigorous involvement of Baptists in political life as citizens and urged national leaders to do those things "which make for peace" and asked Baptists to pray for peace.

A long range action committee, projecting convention needs, 1974-79, challenged the convention's 130 Southern Baptist congregations with some 15,000 members, to begin a student ministry on at least 50 of the 250 college campuses in the convention's area, set a goal of one baptism for every 10 church members, train 1,000 persons each year to share their faith through personal witness, form a choir in every church, increase the percentage of Bible study by 15 per cent, increase the number of tithers by 10 per cent each year and raise gifts in the convention's state missions offering by 10 per cent each year.

The action committee also challenged the churches to raise their number to 250 by 1979, with 25,000 members.

Paul James, executive secretary of the New York convention, reported that \$178,370 of the \$661,709 budget will come from gifts from convention congregations.

The remainder will come from contributions through Southern Baptist Convention agencies, mainly the Home Mission Board, which helps support work in areas where Southern Baptist efforts are new.

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## Hastings Cited by Illinois State Historical Society

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CHICAGO (BP)--The Illinois State Historical Society, at its annual convention here, presented an Award of Merit to Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist, for his book, A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk.

The book, which describes Hastings' boyhood in Southern Illinois in the 1930's, was cited for its contribution to regional history.

John H. Keiser of Sangamon State University, Springfield, Ill., who made the presentation at the society's awards dinner, said the book's "emphasis on the little things of life help make the '30's come alive in the '70's."

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## Apple Queen, 89, Reigns In Southern Illinois

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MURPHRYSBORO (BP)--While many girls dream about becoming a queen, Maude Hathaway gets down to the core of the matter.

Mrs. Hathaway, 89, reigned as Senior Queen of the annual Apple Festival in this Southern Illinois town.

She rode in an open car in the festival's parade, proudly representing fellow residents of the Jackson County Nursing Home, who elected her as their representative.

A leadership role is no new thing for the former head of the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary for Southern Baptists in Illinois. And only faltering vision seems to slow her down.

Mrs. Hathaway only recently discontinued teaching a Bible class at the home. "I had to stop because of failing eyesight," she said. "I can no longer read well enough to prepare as I should."

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